

Louisville and Nashville. Everybody had two books with him. One was the Interstate Commerce law, printed in this edition in the month just past by the Railway World, with all amendments and additions to, and including the Commerce court act of June 18, 1910; also including the immunity acts, the Elkins law and the act as amended on June 8, 1910.

Prized more highly, apparently, and guarded much more carefully, was the printed book of "Questions." There were enough of these books to go around, and no more. It was said about the hotel, that the prospect had been destroyed and the type "thrown in" in the presence of the conference managers.

Those in Conference.

Edson Rich, general attorney for the Union Pacific, came on in the name of the Harriman lines, which reach about to the Pacific. Hugh R. Chaplin answered the roll call for the Bannor and Aroostook, which touches the Canadian border far up in the potato country. Vice-President Edward G. Buckland, of the New Haven, and Edgar Judson Rich, of the Boston and Maine, were there. Rich was in charge. Sumner Pierce with him as assistant general solicitor.

Besides Buckland, of the New Haven, there were two other vice-presidents here. These were Alexander Hamilton, of the New York Central, and William Sherman Jenney, of the Syracuse, vice-president and general counsel of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western.

Other others were: General Counsel Soo Line, Albert H. Briggs; Louisville and Nashville, Henry L. Stone; General Counsel of the Norfolk and Western, Charles Wilson Bunn; Chesapeake and Ohio, Henry Taylor Wickham; Seaboard Air Line, Hugh Richmond Watts; Delaware and Hudson, William Streyker Opyke; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, William Sherman Jenney; Norfolk and Western, Joseph I. Dorgan; Bangor and Aroostook, Hugh R. Chaplin; Atlantic Coast Line, George B. Elliott; Northern Railway of Alabama, George P. Harrison; Georgia, Florida and Alabama, T. S. Hawley; Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio, J. Norman Powell; Iowa Central and Minneapolis and St. Louis, George W. Seavers.

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Interested in them "to the extent of one penny."

D. C. McCurtain, who described himself as a delegate to Washington for the Choctaws, testified that before the disapproval of the old tribal contracts by President Roosevelt in 1908 and while they were still pending, he was approached by McCurtain in the lobby of the Raleigh Hotel at Washington.

McCurtain had been talking with Cecil Lyon, national Republican committeeman of Texas, but Lyon went away before the subject of the \$25,000 was discussed.

McCurtain testified: "I met Mr. McCurtain in the lobby and he said, 'You know we have a contract for the sale of the lands.' I said I had heard it, but have never seen a copy of the contract. He said, 'We have decided we will give you \$25,000 if you will not oppose the contract.' He said if the Secretary of the Interior approves the contract in its present form we will give you \$25,000. If he scales will be cut down accordingly. I want to talk to you further about this matter."

"I did not see McCurtain for several days, but in the meantime I got to thinking about the proposition, and I knew that they were going to bring powerful political influence to bear in support of that contract. I thought maybe I did not manifest too much opposition to that contract. I would be in a position ultimately to defeat it, but if I became too antagonistic I might have no opportunity to get my forces together, and that they might, in some way, secure the approval of the contract."

Agrees to Accept.

"Several days after that I saw McCurtain in the Capitol and I said, 'I have decided to accept your proposition, but I did not learn any more about the contract by that means. The matter went on for some time and no effort was made to get the contract approved. I thought I would wait until the Constitutional Convention of Oklahoma appointed a committee to investigate whether it were possible to purchase the coal lands from the Indians.'

McCurtain became active again. He wanted to appear before this committee as the representative of the Choctaw nation. He endeavored to secure a written statement from Governor McCurtain that McCurtain represented the Choctaws and that they so recognized him. McCurtain came to my house to see me. He stated he thought he was in a position to do the nation a great deal of good. Then I said, 'Mr. McCurtain, I don't want anything to do with your contract.'

Mr. McCurtain, in an interview, denied he made the offer. He said Lyon had been financially interested with him in the contracts.

"I gave you over received any financial assistance from any person in making a contract with the Indians?"

"No, sir," he replied.

"I have never, either in the Senate or before the Indian committee, made any charge whatever against Mr. Sherman. I never said he was 'interested' in the McCurtain contracts, directly or indirectly. I never mentioned his name was mentioned to me by Hamon as the man 'higher up,' who was interested in the contracts. When I testified before the committee I was under obligation to relate all that Hamon had said, and when it came to mentioning what he had said about Mr. Sherman, I named the Vice-President with extreme reluctance. I had no alternative but to mention him, and I did so."

McCurtain said he was ready to hope that the fact that Hamon mentioned Mr. Sherman will be relegated to perpetual oblivion.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Virginia—Fair Sunday; Monday, unsettled; little change in temperature to-night; variable winds.

North Carolina—Local showers Sunday; unsettled; light to moderate winds; moderate winds, mostly southwest.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

8 A. M. temperature..... 71
Humidity..... 69
Wind, direction..... West
Wind velocity..... P. cloudy
Weather..... P. cloudy
12 noon temperature..... 85
3 P. M. temperature..... 85
Maximum temperature..... 88
P. M. temperature..... 88
Minimum temperature up to 5
P. M. temperature..... 61
Mean temperature..... 74
Normal temperature..... 79
Excess in temperature..... 5
Deficiency in temperature..... 2
March 1..... 2
Accum. excess in temperature since January 1..... 38
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1..... 7.60
Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1..... 4.76

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES. (At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)

Place..... Weather.....
Tampa..... 78 92 Cloudy
Raleigh..... 78 94 P. cloudy
Charlotte..... 82 90 P. cloudy
Chickadee..... 82 90 P. cloudy
Jupiter..... 82 88 P. cloudy
Key West..... 84 84 Clear
Washington..... 66 70 Rain
Kansas..... 66 70 Rain
Oklahoma..... 82 90 Clear
Jacksonville..... 80 84 Rain
New Orleans..... 82 88 Rain
Mobile..... 82 88 Rain
Atlanta..... 74 84 Rain
Asheville..... 70 80 Rain

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sun rises..... 5:10
Sun sets..... 7:13
Moon sets..... 7:50
August 7, 1916.
Morning..... 6:23
Evening..... 8:48

Chairman Burke asked Congressman McGuire.

"Never," Mr. McGuire replied. "There never was the suggestion of aid to be given me by McCurtain or any one else."

"In there any reason why Senator Gore should feel unfriendly toward you?"

"None that I know of. Yet, he has done his utmost to give me a black eye. Moreover, he has done a great deal of fabricating."

Senator Curtis came here to testify, following Senator Gore's references to the Kansas Senator being "interested" in the contracts.

The committee will continue its investigation at McAlester, Okla., on Monday.

Vice-President Believed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Camp Craig, Big Moose Lake, N. Y., August 6.—Vice-President Sherman did not attempt to-day to conceal the gratification he feels over the emphatic and detailed denial yesterday of "fake" rumors at Muskogee, Okla., of the statement made in the course of the congressional committee's investigation of Senator Gore's charges that an effort was made by the Indian lobby at Washington to bribe him, and that Hamon had said that the Vice-President was directly interested in the success of the McCurtain contracts.

Mr. Sherman also reiterated his desire to be called as a witness before the committee, although he thinks that his own denials are positive enough to clear his skirts of any alleged connection with the secret contracts. So earnest does he appear to be in the matter that some of his close friends here believe that should the investigating committee fail to subpoena him, he will call the subject to the official attention of the Senate next week, and request that body to take appropriate action to vindicate the integrity of its presiding officer.

Has Nothing to Add.

"Now that Hamon has spoken so emphatically in complete denial of the derogatory statements he is alleged to have made against me," said the Vice-President, "I don't see that I should or could say anything that I have nothing at this time to add to the statement I made yesterday."

Mr. Sherman emphasized the phrase, "I have nothing to add." His rubicund, boyish face shone with an expression of relief. He said that at that time he did not know the full details of the Gore charges. He hesitated perceptibly at first to discuss the matter, but after reports of the investigation and newspaper reports that he had not reached him when The Dispatch correspondent visited him at his camp at an early hour this morning.

He was shown a telegram stating that Hamon had sworn positively that he had not said to anybody that the Vice-President was interested in the results of the McCurtain contracts. "He read that brief dispatch," Mr. Sherman's expressive countenance instantly showed relief from the mental disquiet which he had been laboring.

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